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In re application of:)
Gary K. Michelson, M.D.)
Serial No.: 09/553,573) Confirmation No. 3776
Filed: April 19, 2000)
For: ARTIFICIAL HEMI-LUMBAR) Group Art Unit: 3738
INTERBODY SPINAL IMPLANT) Examiner: B. Snow
HAVING AN ASYMMETRICAL)
LEADING END AND METHOD)
FOR INSTALLATION THEREOF)

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Communication dated October 17, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and two annotated sheets showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including one drawing replacement sheet, and two drawing annotated sheets showing changes to Figs. 5A, 5B, 5C, and 10 in red, and a copy of page 17 from Applicant's Amendment dated July 24, 2003 (Exhibit A) is attached following page 4 of this paper.



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I hereby certify that:

1. Transmittal Form (in duplicate)
2. Amendment with attached Exhibit A, 1 replacement sheet of drawings, and 2 annotated sheets of drawings showing changes
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a reply to the Office Communication dated October 17, 2003 in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Applicant hereby requests a ***-month extension of time to respond to the above office action.
- ☐ A fee in the amount of \$*** to cover the ***-month extension of time is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1066.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies of fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1066. **A copy of this sheet is enclosed.**
 - ☒ Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims
 - ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17

Respectfully submitted,
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